

## **Biblical Basis for War**

- 1. God is a Warrior.**
- 2. When is the time for war? When God says its time...Prayer Council.**
- 3. Fight to win so you don't have to fight again.**
- 4 Things to stay within God's will:**
  - a. Holy Cause;
  - b. Holy Leader;
  - c. Holy Army; and
  - d. Holy Camp.
- 5. 4 Ways to know its time to fight:**
  - a. God reveals His will to the leader;
  - b. Leader inquires of God...Prayer Council;
  - c. God puts it on the hearts of the people; or
  - d. God starts the fight.
- 6. Things for a Holy Army**
  - a. Sacrifice/Worship/Prayer;
  - b. Circumcision/Saved;
  - c. Vow (consecration to the Lord);
  - d. Trumpets/Ark;
  - e. Atonement/Money; and
  - f. Praise to God Before/During/After.
- 7. 5 Facts of War:**
  - a. War is a fact of life.
  - b. God is with us and the battle is His.
  - c. Numbers are inconsequential.
  - d. Armaments are inconsequential.
  - e. Isaiah 57:1 – Why Righteous Men are Killed...
- 8. 4 Qualifications of a Warrior:**
  - a. 18 years old or older;
  - b. Able bodied Man;
  - c. Single Minded in Battle; and
  - d. Stable Home.
- 9. 5 Exemptions from Service:**
  - a. Training Family – New Home;
  - b. Newlyweds – New Wife;
  - c. Farmer – New Crops;
  - d. Scared – Fear Means a Lack of Faith (Offer to Leave); or
  - e. Priests – Duty to Ministry in Temple.

## **10. Rules of War**

- a. Conduct a census of all able bodied males (18-45).
  - i. Identify Exemptions (see above).
  - ii. Appoint Captains of 10's, 50's, 100's and 1000's.
- b. Avoid blood shed if possible.
- c. Make an offer of Peace before declaring war.
  - i. Not a negotiation or compromise of righteousness.
  - ii. Must surrender on terms of justice and righteousness:
    - 1. Stop all abortions;
    - 2. No same-sex marriage;
    - 3. No idolatry or occultism;
    - 4. No communism; and
    - 5. Must obey Biblical law.
  - iii. If they yield – must pay share of work or taxes.
  - iv. If they do not yield – kill all males.
- d. War is not waged against nations but against man (no scorched earth or Sherman's march to the sea).
- e. Cut down only non-food trees necessary for supplies (safeguard production over politics or retribution).
- f. Do not attack or kill productive citizens. They are your base of support after the enemy is defeated.
- g. Law of Booty
  - i.  $\frac{1}{2}$  went to those who fought.
  - ii.  $\frac{1}{2}$  went to those who didn't.
  - iii. Divide evenly to the individuals...each gives tribute to Lord.
    - 1. Tithe to Church & Ministry
    - 2. None to Government – Removes temptation to fight.
    - 3. May use your part to give to those who helped.
    - 4. Commanders received the same portion. If a greater portion then they would have an incentive to fight.

## **11. Organizational Structure for War**

- a. Captains of 5/10/50/100/1000
  - i. 5 = Team Leader (Corporal)
  - ii. 10 = Squad Leader (Sergeant)
  - iii. 50 = Platoon Leader (Lieutenant/Sergeant First Class)
  - iv. 100 = Company Commander (Captain/First Sergeant)
  - v. 1000 = Battalion Commander (Colonel/Sergeant Major)
- b. Small Standing Army (Quick Reaction & Shell Leadership).
- c. Only Muster in War Time.

## **12. Biblically Dealing with Tyranny**

- a. Tyranny is never a divinely appointed means of government.
- b. A tyrant is someone who rules without God.
- c. Tyranny is not a lawful form of government.
- d. "Godless civil rulers are no more than bands of robbers." *St. Aug.*
- e. When the rule of law dies as sin prevails throughout the land, tyranny is not far behind.
- f. Book of Judges – Sin = Tyranny.
- g. Deuteronomy 28:1 – Blessings for Obedience.
- h. Deuteronomy 28:15 – Curses of Disobedience.
- i. Judges 3 – The Lord will test you to see if you Obey Him.
- j. No such thing as "rebelling against tyranny." RESTORATION
- k. Deuteronomy 4:34 – God brings His people out of tyranny.
  - i. God doesn't use majorities. The majority is usually wrong.
  - ii. Hebrews 11:32 – Heroes of Faith that conquered tyrants.
- l. Options:
  - i. Use of Deception
    - 1. Not generally speaking only very specifically.
    - 2. Avoiding being an accomplice to sin.
    - 3. Do not owe the truth to someone who will abuse it.
  - ii. Avoidance
    - 1. This does not mean cowardice.
    - 2. Conflict with tyranny also is preventing wickedness from harming property, lives, family when you don't have the strength or resources to overcome.
  - iii. Assassination & Sabotage
    - 1. Assassination to remove tyrants is just, not murder.
    - 2. 2 Chron. 23:12 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer – Plot for Hitler.
  - iv. Armed Resistance & Guerilla War.
- m. Considerations Before Beginning War – Prayer & Contemplation
  - i. Strength and Resources.
  - ii. Ability to go full-scale on a long-term basis to win.
  - iii. Not a temporary action based on emotion.
  - iv. Review the Declaration of Causes and Necessity.
  - v. Reasonable hope of winning, God is on your side. If not wait.
  - vi. Is God directing? Ex. 33:14-15, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Gamaliel.
  - vii. People are tired of tyranny & sin w/ hearts set on Freedom?  
OR People accustomed to tyranny and don't know who God is?
  - viii. Micah – Patriots who want to serve God not "libertine."

### **13. Warrior Priests**

- a. Living Sacrifice.
- b. Intercession through prayer and action.
- c. Adam was told to tend and guard ("Abad & Shamar").
- d. Warrior = Guardianship.
- e. 2 Chronicles 23:8-9 – Armed Guards & weapons in the tabernacle.
- f. Prayer Humility, Wisdom, Courage, and Protection.
- g. James 4:8 – Draw near to God and purge double mindedness.
- h. James 4:17 – Not doing the right thing is sin.
- i. Proverbs 21:31 – "Prepare your horse for battle, but the battle is the Lord's."

### **14. Freedom is in Jesus Christ.**

**Where the Spirit of God is, there is Liberty.**